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AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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SUBJ: SHORTAGES IN CASHIER ACCOUNTS

REF: ACCRA 3126

1. RBFO VERIFIED PC CASHIER ACCOUNTS ON 28 APR 77 AND FOUND THEM TO BE IN BALANCE. HOWEVER, HE QUESTIONED THREE VOUCHERS BEING HELD BY PRINCIPAL CASHIER NKANSAH AND, UPON FURTHER INVESTIGATION, RBFO DETERMINED THAT THESE VOUCHERS HAD BEEN PAID BY RFC AND CERTIFIED A CASHIER SHORTAGE OF CEDIS 271.55. IMI 271.55. WHEN CONFRONTED WITH THIS EVIDENCE CASHIER, CEPHAS NKANSAH, ADMITTED HE HAD PLACED PAID VOUCHERS IN ACCOUNTS TO COVER HIS BORROWINGS. UPON CONDITION CASHIER REPAY SHORTAGES PEACE CORPS ACCEPTED NKANSAH'S RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE 23 MAY 77. CONSIDER CASE CLOSED AND NO RPT NO RELIEF NECESSARY.

2. RSO CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION ON 9-12 MAY 77 AND DEVELOPED ONE NEW LEAD BEARING ON STATE CASHIER SHORTAGE: ALLEGATION THAT BENJAMIN AGYARKO PURCHASED TAXI CAB

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RECENTLY. THIS LEAD FOLLOWED UP BY PSO AFTER RSO DEPARTURE AND CAN CONFIRM THAT AGYARKO BOUGHT IN MARCH, 1977, WHICH WAS REGISTERED IN NAME OF BENJAMIN ASAMOA AGYARKO, JR., ON 5 APRIL 77 (THE DAY BEFORE RBFO REQUESTED AGYARKO TURN HIS ADVANCE OVER TO PRINCIPAL CASHIER). ON 4 AND 5 MAY, WHEN INTERVIEWED BY PSO WITH WITNESSES, AGYARKO DENIED HAVING PURCHASED

HOUSE, CAR, OR MAJOR APPLIANCE RECENTLY. AGYARKO CONFRONTED WITH THIS DATA ON 26 MAY 77 BY ADMINOFF, IN THE PRESENCE OF WITNESSES AND POLICE, AND FORMER CLAIMED HE HAD PURCHASED CAR FOR HIS BROTHER, BENJAMIN ASAMOA AGYARKO, JR., WHICH WAS DIFFERENT FROM HIS NAME AS REFLECTED IN EMBASSY RECORDS: BENJAMIN KWABENA AGYARKO. (POST RECORDS, DSP-335, DO NOT RPT NOT REFLECT NAME, BENJAMIN ASAMOA AGYARKO, JR, AS BEING A BROTHER OF BENJAMIN KWABENA AGYARKO). ADMINOFF REQUESTED POLICE INVESTIGATE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING SHORTAGE, INCLUDING SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF CAR, AND INFORMED AGYARKO HE WAS TERMINATED, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, FOR CAUSE; TO WIT, HIS INABILITY TO SATISFACTORILY ACCOUNT FOR CEDIS 4500 ENTRUSTED TO HIM AS SUB-CASHIER. PERSONNEL ACTION DATED 26 MAY 77. AGYARKO IN POLICE CUSTODY.

3. OUR FINAL DETERMINATION ON BERNARD ABOTSI, PRINCIPAL CASHIER, IS THAT HE IS GUILTY OF EXTREME CARELESSNESS IN HANDLING HIS ACCOUNTS AND HAS A CASH SHORTAGE OF CEDIS 70.50 IMI 70.50. UNLESS DEPT. ADVISES POST OF OBJECTION, POST PLANS REINSTATE MR. ABOTSI EFFECTIVE 2 JUN 77 ON FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- A) HE REPAY SHORTAGE OF CEDIS 70.50;
 - B) HE WILL NOT RPT NOT BE PAID FOR TIME SUSPENDED;
 - C) HE WILL NOT RPT NOT RETURN AS CASHIER, BUT RATHER AS ACCOUNTANT;
 - D) LETTER OF REPRIMAND WILL BE ENTERED IN HIS FILE;
 - E) NEXT PSI DUE WILL BE DENIED;
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F) HE WILL BE ON PROBATION FOR ONE YEAR. DECISION BASED UPON ASSESSMENT ABOTSI NOT RPT NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MAJOR SHORTAGE, THAT MINOR SHORTAGE DUE TO CARELESSNESS IN HANDLING CASHIER ACCOUNT, AND EMPLOYEE HAS 19 YEARS CREDITABLE SERVICE TO PROTECT WHICH SHOULD ENSURE GOOD BEHAVIOR.

4. UNLESS AGYARKO CHANGES HIS STORY CASE WILL PROBABLY GO TO COURT AND RYSO WILL BE REQUIRED TO TESTIFY. WILL ADVISE FINAL DISPOSITION OF POLICE CASE WHICH WILL DETERMINE IF POST MUST ASK FOR RELIEF OF SHORTAGE AND/OR LIMITED WAIVER OF IMMUNITY TO ENABLE RBFO TO TESTIFY. SMITH

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